

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for performing a handoff from an asynchronous base station to a synchronous base station, comprising the steps of:

a) setting a common channel between the synchronous base station and a mobile station;

b) determining whether there is an asynchronous base station to be handed off in neighbor asynchronous base stations based on monitoring information of the neighbor asynchronous base stations;

c) if there is no asynchronous base station, requesting a handoff to the synchronous base station and receiving a compressed mode message through the common channel;

d) selecting a synchronous base station to be handed off based on the compressed mode message; and

e) performing the handoff from the asynchronous base station to the synchronous base station selected[.],

wherein the step d) includes the steps of:

d1) obtaining a pseudo noise (PN) sequence zero offset timing based on a common code and a zero offset; and

d2) obtaining a long code state and a synchronous channel super frame timing,
and

wherein the step d2) includes the steps of:

d21) obtaining a synchronization of the common channel;

d22) storing one period of the compressed message transmitted through the common channel;

d23) selecting the maximum value among long code states and synchronous channel super frame timings obtained from the compressed message transmitted through the common channel at every period.

2. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein information transmitted through the common channel includes a common code, a zero offset, a long code state and a synchronous channel super frame timing.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) This method as re cited in claim 2, wherein the common channel is transmitted in synchronization with a starting point of a pilot channel of the synchronous base station.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim [3]1, wherein the step d2) includes the steps of:

d21) obtaining a synchronization of the common channel;

d22) storing one period of the information transmitted through the common channel; and

~~d23) calculating output values of~~ selecting the most frequent one among long code states and synchronous channel super frame timings obtained from the information transmitted through ~~an output value of~~ the common channel at every period[; and]

~~d24) selecting the most frequent output value.~~

7. (Original) The method as recited in claim 2, wherein the long code state and the synchronous channel super frame timing are N-ary modulated and then transmitted.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for performing a handoff from an asynchronous base station to a synchronous base station, comprising the steps of:

a) setting at least one common channel between the synchronous base station and a mobile station;

b) determining whether there is an asynchronous base station to be handed off in neighbor asynchronous base stations based on monitoring information of the neighbor asynchronous base stations;

c) if there is no asynchronous base station, requesting a handoff to the synchronous base station and receiving a compressed mode message through a common channel;

d) selecting a synchronous base station to be handed off based on the compressed mode message; and

e) performing the handoff from the asynchronous base station to the synchronous base station selected[.],

wherein the step d) includes the steps of:

d1) obtaining a pseudo noise (PN) sequence zero offset timing based on a common code and a zero offset; and

d2) obtaining the long code state and a synchronous channel super frame timing,
and

wherein the step d2) includes the steps of:

d21) obtaining a synchronization of the common channel;

d22) storing one period of the compressed message transmitted through the common channel;

d23) selecting the maximum value among long code states and synchronous channel super frame timings obtained from the compressed message transmitted through the common channel at every period.

9. (Original) The method as recited in claim 8, wherein information transmitted through the common channel includes a common code, a zero offset, a long code state and a synchronous channel super frame timing.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) The method as recited in claim 9, wherein the common channel is transmitted in synchronization with a starting point of a pilot channel of the synchronous base station.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 10 ~~8~~, wherein the step d2) includes the steps of:

d21) obtaining a synchronization of the common channel;

d22) storing one period of the information transmitted through the common channel;

~~d23) calculating output values of~~ selecting the most frequent one among long code states and synchronous channel super frame timings obtained from the information transmitted through the common channel at every period[; and]

~~d24) selecting the most frequent output value.~~

14. (Original) The method as recited in claim 9, wherein the long code state and the synchronous channel super frame timing are N-ary modulated and then transmitted.